

EAGLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

SPRING 2005

PROJECT UPDATE

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has accepted the recommendations of the Eagle Road Arterial Study. The project now moves into the design phase, and has a new name - The Eagle Road Improvement Project. ITD will now do the work necessary to construct the final phase of improvements on Eagle Road. Some construction on Eagle Road could begin as soon as this summer.

Look for updated traffic signal operation, landscaped median barriers with periodic breaks and additional traffic signals. The goal of the final work is to improve traffic flow on the crucial north-south commuter route, while addressing residential and business needs for safe and convenient highway access. The project will also improve conditions for pedestrians.

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EAGLE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS MOVE FORWARD

The Idaho Transportation Department has accepted the recommendations of the Eagle Road Arterial Study. In this newsletter you will find information about:

- Project Update
- Project Background
- Project Improvements
- What's Next



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Idaho Transportation Department began the Eagle Road Arterial Study in 2003. The purpose of this study was to determine ways to increase safety, manage traffic more efficiently and improve Eagle Road's appearance to create a parkway feel between Overland Road and Idaho 44 (State Street).

In February of 2004, ITD solicited three nationally recognized companies to help build on the scientific data collected so far. These experts offered additional information in determining the best management of Eagle Road. A three-day workshop included participation from the cities of Boise, Meridian and Eagle; Ada County and the Ada County Highway District, the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The study included extensive public involvement throughout, from large public open houses to small group meetings. The input consistently reflected the public's desire to improve traffic flow, safety and the look of the corridor. The people who participated in this process represented the diverse community that Eagle Road serves – businesses, residents, city leaders and commuters.



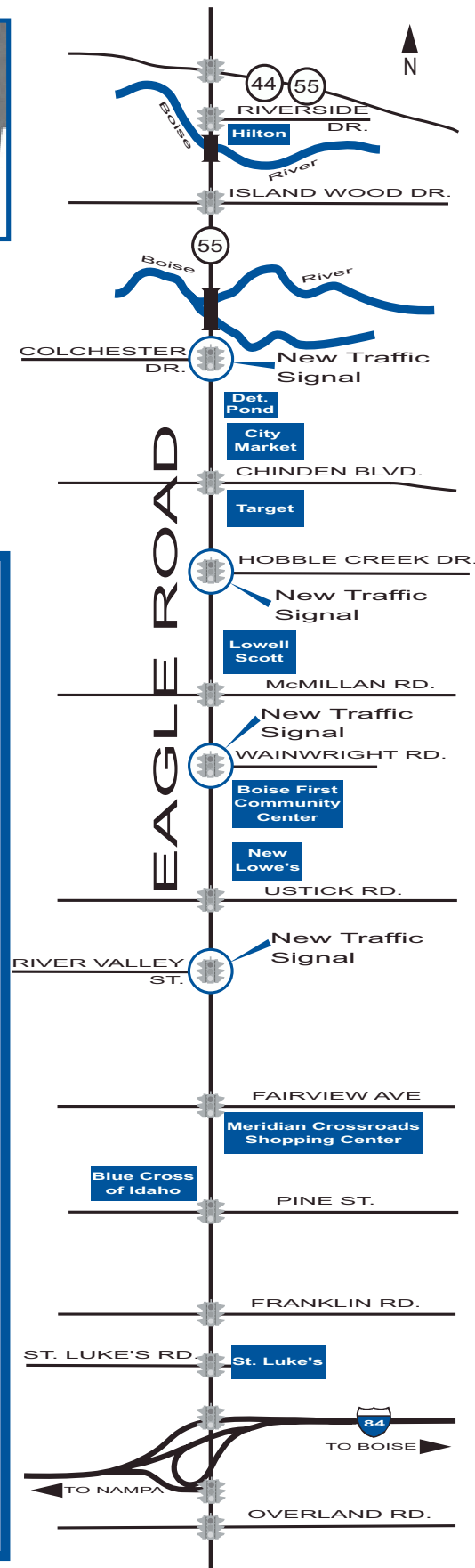
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PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

At the last public meeting in August, the public was shown proposed improvements to Eagle Road. Input from the public was overwhelmingly positive. Using this feedback, ITD is moving forward to design improvements in the following areas:

- Safety
- Roadway
- Technology
- Beautification



SAFETY

- Median barriers with periodic breaks
- Pedestrian/bicycle pathways where desired
- Increased lighting for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists



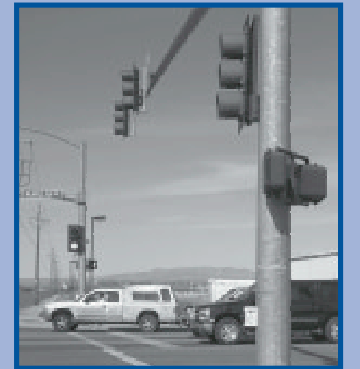
ROADWAY

- Safe, fully functional major intersections
- Right turn lanes
- Bus pullouts
- Curb and gutter along entire length of Eagle Road



TECHNOLOGY

- New traffic signals at River Valley Street, Wainwright Road, Hobble Creek Drive and Colchester Drive
- Increased coordination between traffic signals using updated technology and signal systems



BEAUTIFICATION

- Landscaping along both sides of the road and in the median
- Decorative lighting
- Pedestrian/bicycle pathways, where desired, separated from the roadway with landscaping



WHAT'S NEXT

The Idaho Transportation Department will begin its public information campaign about the Eagle Road Improvement Project early this summer. Future newsletters will update you on the project's progress and inform you about opportunities to receive information.

For more information about this project:

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